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### **DA's Office Finds Fatal Officer-Involved Death in Apple Valley Legally Justified**

San Bernardino, CA - The San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office has completed its review of the officer-involved death of Carlos Velasco Vargas, 22, by San Bernardino Sheriff's Deputies Scott Nobles, Vincent Balsitis, Jonathon Cahow, Christopher Crosswhite, and Mark James on July 8, 2008.

The District Attorney's Office stated that, it was Mr. Vargas' conduct in not only resisting Deputy Nobles' attempt to handcuff him, but resisting the other deputies as well, that led to his being physically restrained and tased. Mr. Vargas died as a result of methamphetamine toxicity, not the officers' use of non-deadly force. For the aforementioned reasons, no criminal liability exists on the part of Deputy Scott Nobles or any other Deputy involved in this incident occurring on July 8, 2008.

The report of the written case evaluation is attached or is available by contacting Susan Mickey of the District Attorney's Office, at 909-382-3665.

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